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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Annual General Meeting 2004

The Annual General Meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club will be held on Thursday 25th November 2004 starting at 8:00pm at the Manx Arms Public House on Onchan.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Minutes of last years Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Club Officials for 2005 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2005.
- 8) Mannanan 2005.
- 9) Any Other Business.

Once again, the club will be looking to elect members to stand as either club officials or committee members. Due to the untimely passing of the club treasurer, Alan Harper, we will particularly be looking for somebody to fill this role. If you feel that you would like to stand as one of the club officials or committee, but are unable to attend the meeting, then please contact the club chairman Doug Wheeler, who will arrange for your nomination to be added to those from the floor.

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Venetian Evening

This autumnal event was in doubt until the last moments due to the heavy showers and strong winds. However, at around tea-time things brightened up and the sun came out. So it was 'all systems go'.

Most members turned up around 7.30pm as it was just beginning to darken. The wind was still quite strong but Onchan pool was relatively calm, although there was the occasional squall. Mike Buss was right on schedule with the barbecue, complete with the chef's hat! Roy and Cameron Watterson were the first to get on the water and as usual, Cameron was in his element. They had their usual three boats with them, all lit up and always on the move.

Tugs were in the dominance, with Juan Vernon's Eldergarth lit up for the first time, the partially covered over main towing winch looked especially well, lit up under the deck. Bernie had a selection of boats on the water, but looking especially good, his Britannia with Bernie's special deck lighting looking as realistic as that on his Steam Packet boat. Even Graham Bayliss's submarine had a light on the top of his periscope!

Graham's sub lasted quite well and he seems to be getting to the bottom of his problems [excuse the pun!] Nigel had brought along his quite large flashing light-ship which he manoeuvred into the middle of the lake with his Tarroo-Ushtey.

All told, there were over a dozen boats on the water with full navigation lights and it looked like a Mersey river scene from many years ago!

Mike had got the beefburgers going and everybody had a satisfied look on their faces. Some well-organised members had brought hot coffee with them, a good idea as the wind was quite cold. After an earlier discussion about judges, we invited a newly arrived resident family from Widnes to pick the best illuminated boat. After much discussion with their teenage family [potential members!] they decided on Cameron's fishing boat Shalto with its well lit working deck and fish. This was a very popular decision with all present. Well done Cameron!

Brian King

For Sale

Denys Drower has been emptying out his workshop, and has a number of items which he is prepared to offer to members in return for a small donation to club funds.

If you are interested in any of the items listed below, please contact Jason Quayle with a suitable offer.

- 27MHz 4 channel Futaba Attack transmitter
- 27MHz 2 channel Futaba Attack transmitter
- Brass fittings kit for Billings Smit Rotterdam
- Whirlwind Sail Winch (needs servo plug fitting).
- A number of round sanding disks.

Additional Event for Your Fixture List

The club has been asked to make a presentation to the Isle of Man Engineering Society - along similar lines to the presentation which was done for the World Ship Society back in January. Last time, half a dozen members put their boats on display and stood up to give a brief talk about the building of their particular boat and any interesting features about it. We finished off by showing a video of Mannanan.

In this case, we would imagine that the engineering society would be particularly interested in the various steam boats and models with working features which are in the club.

The event is on Wednesday 17th November starting at 8:00pm. If you would like to attend, or would like further details, please contact the competition secretary, Brian King.

Tug Towing Competition

This was the last scale boat event of the season and although dry, it was extremely windy with some vicious gusts which always came at the most inopportune moment for the competitors. There were 9 entries in the over 1 metre with just 2 in the under 1 metre.

Roy Watterson was the first off into the gale, but due to the lack of power he was quickly blown off course and subsequently aborted with technical problems. His grandson Cameron was next off with Sea Spray and he showed the way, using his power to its best advantage, but still losing 18 points. Nigel Latham and his daughter were next respectively, each sailing Heather Jill, the classic tug. Nigel got round losing only 2 points, while Hollie lost only 2 as well. A brilliant effort! Juan Vernon was next with Eldergarth to set the standard with a loss of only 1 point. Peter Kissack was next away on his first ever competition, and only the second time in the water with his Manchester Ship Canal tug. He lost 9 points and Brian King, who borrowed Peter's large tug, got round with a

loss of 15 points! New boy [literally] James Whitelegg went round with his Amsterdam losing only 8 points. Not bad for his first competition and only 10 years old! Jason Fleming followed but had technical problems and aborted.

With only 2 competitors in the under 1 metre, it was Jason first off to only lose 4 points with Yessir. Brian followed with Kingsmann and lost 12 points.

With the second round going the opposite way round which created new tactics to cope with the wind effect. Cameron improved on his previous round to lose only 7 points, while Nigel had another good round to lose 3 while Hollie lost 9. Juan didn't do as well second time, losing 9 as well. Peter got round with 13 while James had another good round to lose only 9. Brian proved Peter's boat by only losing 4 points.

In the under 1 metre, Jason had another repeat performance, losing only 3 while Brian excelled himself to lose only 1 point.

Results

Over 1 metre

1 st	Nigel Latham	Heather Jill	5
2 nd	Juan Vernon	Eldergarth	10
3 rd	Hollie Latham	Heather Jill	11
4 th	James Whitelegg	Amsterdam	17
5 th	Brian King	M/S/C tug	19
6 th	Peter Kissack	M/S/C tug	22
7 th	Cameron Watterson	Sea Spray	25

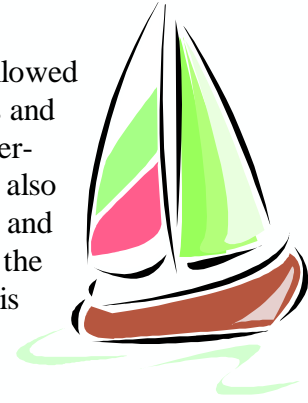
Under 1 metre

1 st	Jason Quayle	Yessir	7
2 nd	Brian King	Kingsmann	13

(Best Junior)

One Metre Yacht Championship

This event had been postponed from the summer to last Sunday and followed on from the 'Round The Island race' as there were enough competitors and all agreed to race. It was based on the best of three races during the afternoon, excluding the Round the Island. The wind was very contrary and also depended on where you were at a particular moment. Both Jackie Ball and Dave Foulis won a race each with Juan Vernon close behind. However the final race was won by Jackie, followed by Dave and Juan third. With this the best turn-out of the summer, a winter league could operate, with perhaps a discard system to allow for those days when some members cannot attend. We will wait and see.



Round the Island Yacht Race

This event, the last club event of the year before the dinner and AGM, was held on a sunny but cold Sunday afternoon at the Mooragh Park. There were 8 competitors altogether, the best turn-out for a while. With a strong NE wind blowing down the lake, it was a mixture of short reaches up the left hand side of the island, then round the top marker pole, with a run down in a mixture of squalls and doldrums. On the upwind leg, the regulars were leading the way, opening up a gap by the time the island was reached. The back markers never caught up and the leaders kept pulling away. The eventual winner was Dave Foulis, with Jackie Ball close behind followed Juan Vernon.

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

The Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation evening will be held on Saturday 13th November at the Welbeck Hotel, Mona Drive, Douglas, starting at 7:30pm for 8:00pm. The menu for the dinner is attached and we would be grateful if you can complete the tear off slip with your menu choices and return it no later than Monday 8th November to Doug Wheeler. The price for the meal is £15 per head.



Could members who won trophies for last years events please return them to the competition secretary, Brian King (telephone 628156), as soon as possible so that he can arrange for this year winners to have their trophies engraved.



Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation 2004

Name _____ Telephone Number _____
Address _____ Number Attending _____

Please indicate numbers for each menu choice.

Manx Broth _____	Melon Gondola _____
Roast Manx Turkey _____	Roast leg of Lamb _____
Apple Pie with Cream _____	Fresh Fruit Salad _____

Please return your menu choices to the Club Chairman. Cheques should be made payable to 'Manx Model Boat Club'.